

## Duff Green to Andrew Jackson, June 9, 1827, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### DUFF GREEN TO JACKSON.1

1 Green was editor of the *U. S. Telegraph*, published in Washington as the leading organ of the Jackson party. He was attached most particularly to Calhoun's interest, and he came to Jackson when Calhoun began to act with Jackson in 1824.

Washington, June 9, 1827.

*Dear Sir,* The espionage upon my correspondence and the laborious detail of the duties which devolve on me have prevented me from Communicating with you often. The opportunity which offers by Mr. Simpson who visits your part of the Country as a confidential agent of the Department to which he is attached and the peculiar relation in which we both stand to the public at this moment makes it proper that I should suggest the course that I would prefer the investigation, likely to arise out of Mr. Carter Beverly's letter, should take. It is my intention to lay before the public the facts and circumstances demonstrating the corrupt understanding between Mr Clay and Adams, and if possible provoke an appeal on the part of Mr Clay to the House at its next session. This I think will be much better than leaving the subject where it now is or of permitting yourself to be brought before the public through the newspapers as the accuser of Mr Clay more than you now are. Many reasons urge upon my mind the propriety of this course. If we succeed in getting an impartial or an independent speaker he can organise a Committee which will draw to light much hidden matter and compel witnesses to testify who cannot otherwise be brought to disclose what they know. The fact that Mr Adams has rewarded Markley<sup>2</sup> will do much in making out the case for he is the person through whom Mr Clay operated on

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Buchanan. Buchanan will not make a statement against Markley and must be drawn out by a committee. I shall not give the names of the parties in the disclosures which I have to make and place it upon the ground that it is due to Mr Clay that he should call for an investigation by a Committee.

2 Philip S. Markley, M. C. from Pennsylvania 1823–1827.

So much for this matter and now Sir permit me to congratulate you and the Country for that ardent patriotism and discriminating intelligence which marks the discussions in the public Journals devoted to the cause of the people and with which I consider your election so completely identified. Whilst your enemies have assaulted your public and private character and have gone so far as to invade your private sanctuary and assailed your amiable partner you have found Consolation and protection in the confidence and virtue of a grateful and intelligent people.

I have had many opportunities of ascertaining public opinion in the different states. The Republican party will be joined by the Clintonians in New York and arrangements are making among the leading Republicans of the north to rally with those of the north and south in the support of your election. By some it is supposed that you will have a powerful opposition organised against you and that your administration will be embarrassed at every step [of] its operations. This seems to be the policy of the Amalgamists of Boston who despairing of the Reelection of Mr Adams have resolved to make for themselves a great New England party to the aid of which Mr Clay intends to bring his western interests. Our republican friends in New England look to this state of things and desire that the canvas shall be so conducted as to enable them to stand with you on the old basis of the Republican party. I am at the same time delicately situated because a large portion of the Republican and Patriotic Federalists south of New York particularly in Delaware and Maryland are with us and altho the difference between these men is as marked as it could be, yet as names have charms which it is difficult to break, you will the better understand the guarded position I occupy. You owe to your Country that Major Lee should

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be permitted to develop fully the services you have rendered. You must have ample proof in your possession that Mr Monroe deserves no thing from your forbearance. Public expectation will be much excited and his work will be greedily sought for. it [is his] intention to throw it into every section of the Country immediately.<sup>3</sup> I do not regret the Violence with which you have been assailed because it will illicit enquiry and place this election on its proper ground before the public.

<sup>3</sup> Lee never published the biography.

You will appreciate the embarasments which surround me unaided as I am by that advice and necessary counsel which would guide me from committing many errors. I have endeavored to make my paper the organ of correct principles and have carefully avoided the falsehood which characterise our opponents. In such I have endeavored to prove myself opposed to them. remember me kindly to Mrs. Jackson to Mr and Mrs. Donaldson, and accept assurances of unabated respect of